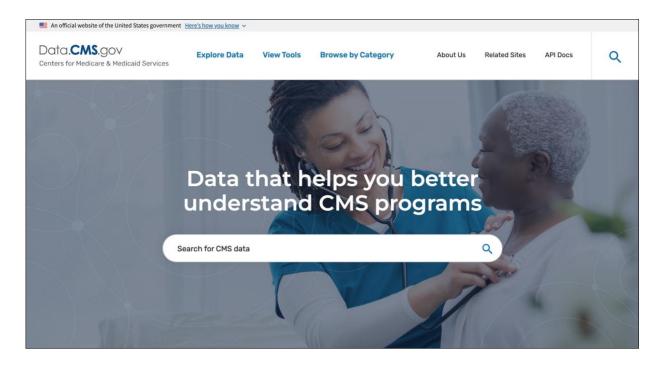
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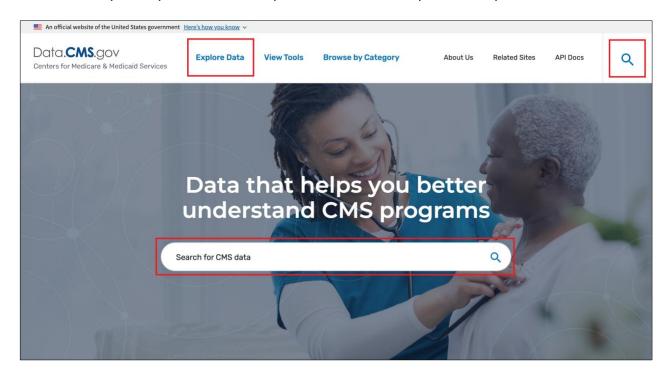


Revision History

Version	Date	Organization/Point of Contact	Description of Changes
1.0	2022-09-12	OEDA	Baseline Version
1.1	2023-01-03	OEDA	Formatting Updates
1.2	2023-11-07	OEDA	Email Change

How do I search for a dataset?

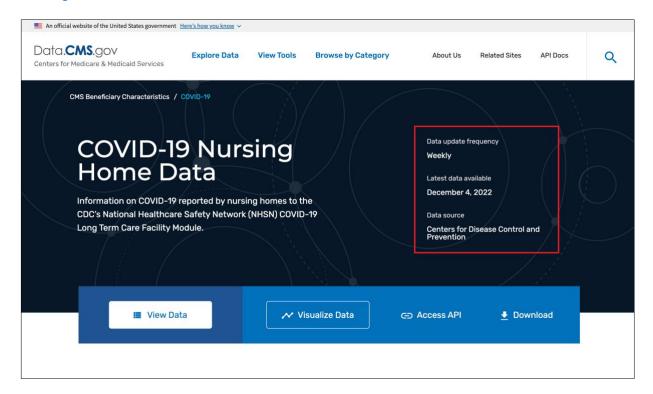
Datasets can be searched by basic keywords and/or advanced filters on the search page, which can be accessed from various locations on the site such as the home page's search bar, search icon, or the Explore Data tab, as shown in the screenshot below. The dataset name, description, and tags are among a few of the searchable fields, with the option to sort results by last updated, relevancy, dataset name, or alphabetically.



In the event a certain dataset cannot be found, please contact data.support@cms.hhs.gov for assistance.

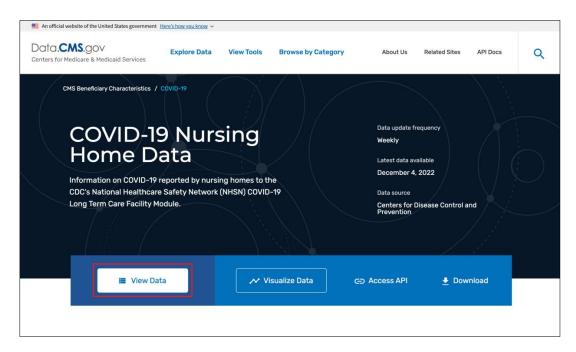
How often are datasets updated?

Datasets are updated periodically in the system on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. To identify the update frequency of a dataset, look for the "Data update frequency" on the top of the dataset detail page, as shown in the image below for the COVID-19
Nursing Home Dataset:

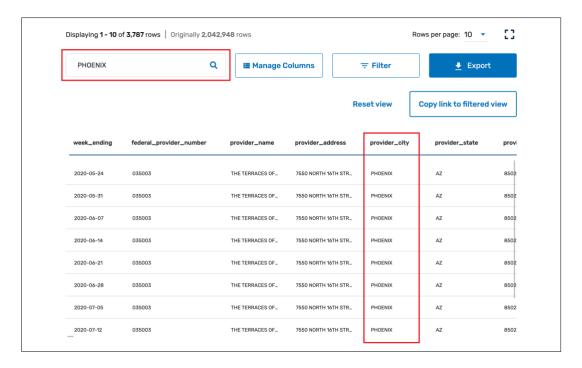


How do I filter a dataset?

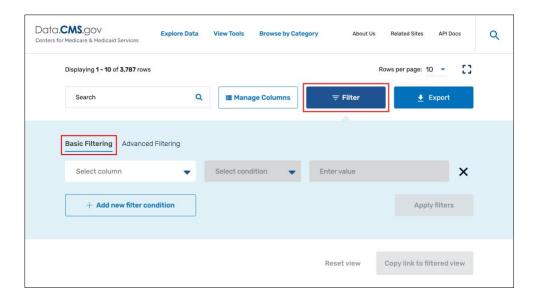
For datasets that have the "View Data" button, the "View Data" button will take you to the interactive display where data within a dataset can be filtered by using simple keywords or a combination of basic or advanced filters, as shown below.

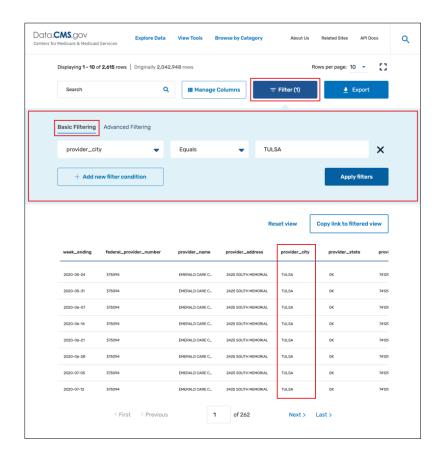


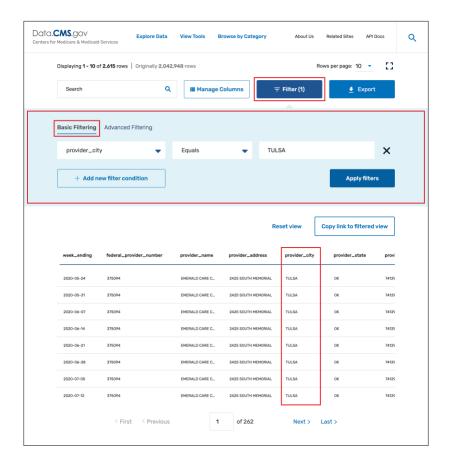
• Keyword Search Filters: This functionality searches for matching words in every row and column of the dataset.



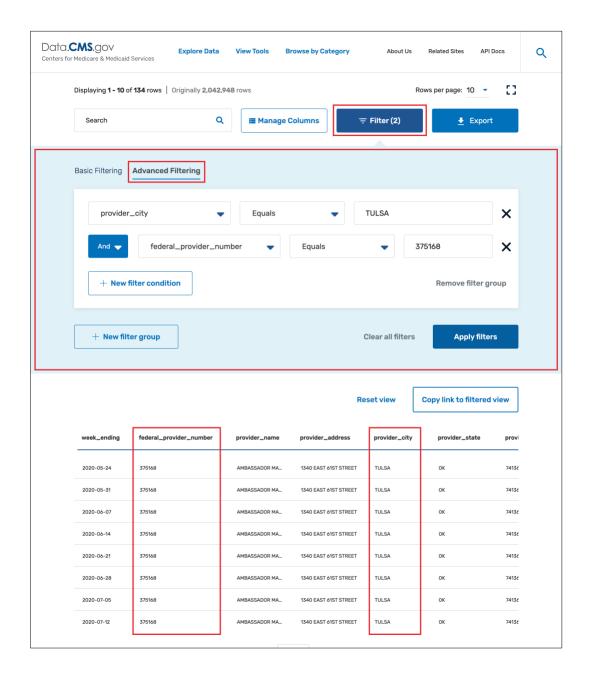
• Basic Filtering: This functionality can be used by clicking on the "Filter" button and then adding the conditions to filter the dataset on the Basic Filtering tab. When using basic filtering, all filters are applied using an "And" clause.







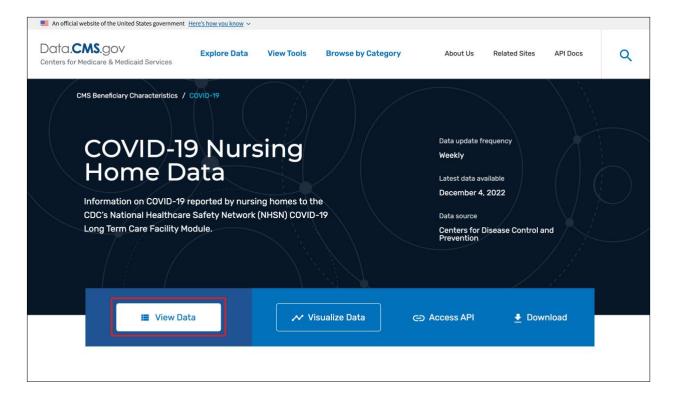
Advanced Filtering: This functionality can be used by clicking on the "Filter" button
and then adding the conditions to filter the dataset on under the Advanced Filtering
tab. The key difference between basic and advanced filtering is the availability of
"And" and "Or" clauses as options for joining Advanced column filters.



How do I export a dataset?

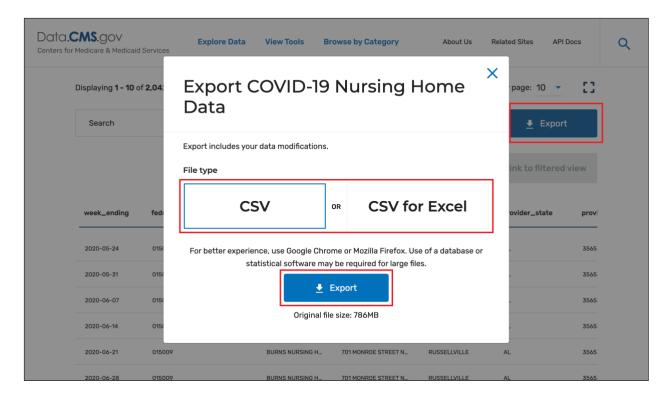
For datasets that have the "View Data" button, the "View Data" button will take you to the interactive display where you will see an "Export" button. This will allow you to export the dataset in its entirety or export a subset of the data. Once you click "Export", select either "CSV" or "CSV for Excel" in the pop-up window, and then click "Export" to initiate the export process.



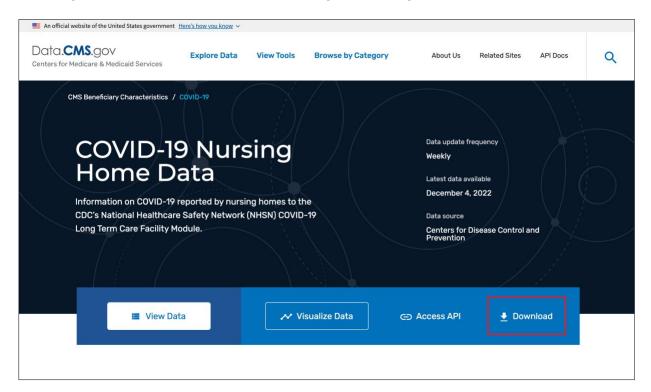


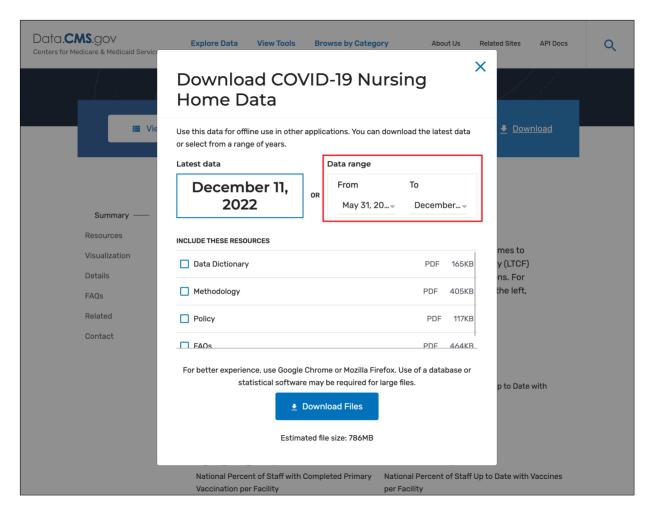
- Exporting as CSV will export the dataset in its original form (excluding fields imported such as "date" column type, which will be exported in ISO format: YYYY-MM-DD).
- Exporting as CSV for Excel will export the dataset as it appears on the dataset's "View Data" page, including currency and percentage formatting.

Note: For a better experience when exporting datasets, use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Use of a database or statistical software may be required for large files.



Alternatively, datasets can be downloaded in their raw format along with other supporting information, by clicking on the "Download" button on the Dataset page. and then by selecting either the "Latest data" or specifying a date range for the requisite data.





Data can also be accessed, when available, via API. More information on this can be found <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.japa.2016/j.j

How can I find answers to API questions?

The "API Docs" page provides information regarding our documentation & examples to integrate with our Public API Data Catalog.

